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Staff of the Japan Documentation Center

The Center employs a staff in Tokyo to collect and ship materials and another in New York for processing and filing. The Center's representa-

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tive in Tokyo is Mr. Tadashi Yamamoto, Executive Director of the Japan Center for International Exchange. Mr. Yamamoto has extensive contacts which greatly facilitate the collection of materials usually difficult to obtain and has a staff that has expended considerable time and imagination in building the basic collection of the Center.

The Bibliographer of the Center is Miss Fumiko Mori. Miss Mori received her B. A. degree from Kyoto University and her M. I. A. degree from Columbia University and is fluent in Japanese and English. She exercises overall responsibility for the Center in consultation with a committee of Professors James Morley, Gerald Curtis, Herbert Passin and James Nakamura.

Current Status of the Japan Documentation Center

The Tokyo office of the Center began in the summer of 1970 to contact a large number of organizations for providing materials to the Center. During this period, emphasis was placed on having the Tokyo office collect materials on a non-selective basis. Our purpose was to establish contact with as many organizations as possible without concern in this early stage for judging the value of materials received. The materials began to arrive at Columbia in late November 1970. Additional documents, reports, and other publications have been received regularly since that time. The Center was located temporarily at the East Asian Institute in Kent Hall up to September 1971 when it moved to the Herbert Lehman Library in the new International Affairs Building. From September, due to the continuous dock strikes on the west coast, the pace of receiving materials from Japan slowed down but it recovered in December 1971. Meanwhile, in late October, the Bibliographer of the Center visited the Tokyo office and had extensive

discussions about our activities, research interests and future plans. The New York office and the Tokyo office have establihsed good communications not only with regard to general guidelines but also with regard to detailed information.

The New York office does extensive research on current topics in Japan through magazines, newspapers and academic papers in order to search for the latest materials which should be obtained. By frequently corresponding with the Tokyo office we obtain them efficiently and quickly. The Center in New York also pays close attention to the publication of materials in English both in the United States and Japan and if necessary purchases them for the use of students and scholars. We concentrate, however, on current materials in the Japanese language.

Other than collecting and sorting materials, the Center also maintains a clipping service. Since October 1, 1970, the Center has been subscribing to two Japanese newspapers: the Asahi Shimbun and the Japan Times. These newspapers are received daily by air mail and are being clipped and filed in binders for reference under 52 subject headings (see Appendix I: "Newspaper Clipping File Subject Headings"). At present, the Center has a continuous record of clippings from October 1, 1970 to February 1, 1972. Our policy is to keep the latest two months' issues without being clipped since the combination of clipping according to the subjects and displaying the latest two months' issues seems to be most effective for researchers and students.

Another function of the Center in New York is to provide assistance to researchers and students on campus and to those who seek information about Japan from outside campus such as businessmen, journalists and students

from other universities. The Bibliographer not only tries to give information for materials which are available on campus but also helps in making contacts with other institutions.

In order to present a more detailed picture of our operations, the list in Appendices presents the names of organizations from which we receive materials (see Appendix II: "Organizations From Which Materials Are Received--as of March 23, 1972").

Future Plans

The period between the fall of 1970 when the Center was established and the spring of 1972 has been an initial organizing period. We have tried to formulate Center policies very carefully in order to maximize its value as a unique aid to Japanese studies. We believe that our efforts to date have already amply shown that our approach is enriching the research source of social science in Japanese studies.

Considering the fact that almost all of the materials we have been receiving are on contemporary affairs, it is vital that we keep as close contact as possible with the Tokyo office in order to fulfill the research needs here at Columbia. The service of the Tokyo office has been proving very satisfactory considering the limited time and human resources they have and difference of custom and the characteristics of human relationship between the two countries in terms of contacting various governmental and private organizations. However, depending on only the Tokyo office all the times sometimes causes unnecessary technical procedures in corresponding and contacting the organizations we are interested in. For this reason the

Center in New York also tries to explore new contacts as much as possible through its own channels.

Although the volume of the Center's materials is still small, new materials are flowing in; user requests also are increasing not only from researchers within the Columbia area, but also from those who are distant from New York City. It may become necessary in the future to establish some regular system of microfilming, preferably, within the context of the operation of the whole library system, not just of the Center's operation. Up to now we have been paying particular attention to the governmental agencies and political parties. In the future, we plan to expand our attention to various research and other institutions and explore the possibilities of obtaining materials through some kind of exchange program.

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Appendix I

Newspaper Clipping File Subject Headings -- as of March 23, 1972

Domestic Politics

Anti-War Movement
Cabinet and Ministries
Defense
Democratic Socialist Party
Diet Affairs
Japan Communist Party
Japan Socialist Party
Joint Opposition Parties
Kōmeitō Party
Law
Liberal Democratic Party
Local and Regional Politics
Narita Airport Incident
National Elections
Non-Party Political Activities
Okinawa
Prefectural Elections

Economic Conditions

Agricultural Production
Balance of Payments
Budget 1971, 1972
Finance
General Conditions
Heavy Industry
Light Industry
Monetary System
Resources
Tax

Social Conditions

Construction
Culture
Education
Emperor
Environment
Labor
Medical Care
Mishima Affair
Religion
Science and Technology
Social Welfare
Transportation

International Relations

China-Japan
Europe-Japan
Foreign Aid
International Organization
Korea-Japan
Southeast Asia-Japan
Trade-General
U. S. A.-Japan 1) General
2) Military
3) Textile Negotiations
4) Trade
U. S. S. R.-Japan

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Appendix II

Organizations From Which Materials Are Received -- as of March 23, 1972

(1) Government Offices: more than 300 publications collected from the following:

Administration Agency
Anti-Trust Committee
Budget and Financing Agency
Cabinet Secretariat
Central Council on Education
Economic Planning Agency
Economic Planning Council
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Ministry of Construction
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of International Trade and Industry
Ministry of Justice
Ministry of Labor
Ministry of Local Self-Government
Ministry of Transportation and Communication
National Defense Agency
National Livelihood Council
National Personnel Authority
Office of the Prime Minister
Science and Technology Agency
Social Education Council
Special Committee for Environmental Policy

(2) Political Parties and the Diet: more than 150 publications collected from:

All Japan Council for Promoting Clean and Just Elections
Association for Clean Elections
Democratic Socialist Party
House of Councillors
House of Representatives
Japan Socialist Party
Kōmei Party
Liberal Democratic Party

(3) Local Government: some publications obtained from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Tokyo City Policy Research Council.

(4) Labor Unions: Dōmei, Gōkarōren and Nikkyōso have been contacted for periodicals and publications. Sōhyō, Kokurō, Zentei and Chūritsurōren are to be contacted.

(5) Banks: the Center is on the mailing lists of:

Bank of Japan
Dai-Ichi Bank (re-organized as the Dai-Ichi Kangyō Bank)
Dai-Ichi Kangyō Bank
Fuji Bank
Industrial Bank of Japan
Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan
Mitsubishi Bank
Mitsui Bank
Nihon Kangyō Bank (re-organized as the Dai-Ichi Kangyō Bank)
Yamato Bank

At present, the total number of issues is over 300.

(6) Finance and Business Organizations: Over 100 publications and periodicals obtained from:

Japan Council for Economic Development
Japan Federation of Economic Organizations
Japan Federation of Employers' Associations
Japan Junior Chamber of Commerce
Tokyo Junior Chamber of Commerce

Regular subscriptions of the Japan Economic Journal, the Japan Economic Review and the Japan Stock Journal have been added in January 1972.

Also contact with the following organizations has been made and we have received more than 30 publications:

Ajia Keizai Kenkyūsho
JETRO
Nihon Keizai Kenkyū Center
Nihon Keizai Kenkyūsho
Nomura Research Institute
Nomura Securities, Ltd.
U.S.-Japan Trade Council

(7) Research Institutes: publications are received from:

Ajia Chōsakai
Association for the Advancement of Educational Research
Association of Teachers of Japanese
Business Intercommunications Inc.
Institute of Statistical Mathematics (Sūri Tōkei Kenkyūsho)
International Society for Educational Japan
Japan Peace Research Group
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
Kaigai Shōji Hōmu Chōsakai
Keizai Antei Honbu

Kokumin Kyōiku Kenkyūsho
Kokumin Seiji Kenkyūkai
Kokusai Jōsei Kenkyūkai
Kokusai Tōshi Kenkyūsho
Kyōdō Kumiai Keiei Kenkyūsho
Kyōiku Kenkyū Shinkōkai
Nihon Gakujutsu Shinkōkai
Nihon Kokusai Mondai Kenkyūsho
Sangyō Kōzō Shingikai
Shinjidai Seron Kenkyūsho
Shisō Undō Kenkyusho

(8) Mass Media: The Asahi Shimbun, the Yomiuri Shimbun, NHK and publishing companies have been contacted and more than 50 publications (including dictionaries) have been obtained.

(9) Individual article and papers: have also been obtained occasionally through suggestion by researchers and at present, 44 papers are indexed.

As of March 23, 1972, over 1,900 items (some publications are still in the process of indexing) have been received at Columbia from over 90 organizations and institutions. Periodicals are catalogued immediately upon arriving at the Center and other individual items are catalogued according to the organizations.

Over 90 periodicals have been received both on regular and irregular bases(see Appendix III:"Japan Documentation Center Periodicals -- as of March 23, 1972"). This includes the following eight Japanese monthly magazines and two weekly journals sent by air mail to the Center:

Asahi Journal
Chūō Kōron
Economist
Jiyū
Sekai
Shimbun Digest
Shimin
Shokun
Tenbō
Ushio

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Japan Documentation Center Periodicals -- as of March 23, 1972

Asahi Journal 朝日ジャーナル - The Asahi Shimbun 朝日新聞社

Asahi Shimbun 朝日新聞 - The Asahi Shimbun 朝日新聞社

Asia Quarterly アジア・クオータリー - The Asian Affairs Research Council アジア調査会

Boei Ronshu 防衛論集 - The National Defense College 防衛大学

Bulletin - The U.S. Department of State

Bungaku 文学 - The Iwanami Shoten 岩波書店

Bungei Shunju 文芸春秋 - Bungei Shunju-sha 文芸春秋社

Chogin Research - The Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan 日本長期信用銀行

Chosa 調査 - The Mitsubishi Bank 三菱銀行

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - Cabinet Research Bureau 内閣調査室

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - The Bank of Japan 日本銀行

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - The Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan 日本長期信用銀行

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - The Dai-Ichi Bank 第一銀行

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - The Mitsui Bank 三井銀行

Chugai Tokuho 中外特報 - Chugai Chosa-kai 中外調査会

Chuo Koron 中央公論 - Chuo Koron-sha 中央公論社

Dai-Ichi Kangin Quarterly - The Dai-Ichi Kangin Bank 第一勧銀銀行

DKB Chosa Geppo DKB調査月報 - The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank 第一勧業銀行

DKB Economic Report - The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank 第一勧業銀行

Daily Summary of Japanese Press - The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo

Domei 同盟 - All Japan Federation of Labor Unions 全日本労働総同盟

Domei Joho 同盟情報 - All Japan Federation of Labor Unions 全日本労働総同盟

Economist エコノミスト - The Mainichi Shimbun 毎日新聞社

Finance ファイナンス - Ministry of Finance 大蔵省

Fuji Bank Bulletin - The Fuji Bank 富士銀行

Fuji Times 富士タイムズ - The Fuji Bank 富士銀行

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Gaiji Tokuho 外事特報 - Chugai Chosa-kai 中外調査会

Geijutsu Shincho 藝術新潮 - Shincho-sha 新潮社

Gekkan Goka 月刊合化 - Goka Roren 合化労連

Gekkan Seron Chosa 月刊世論調査 - Minister's Secretariat 総理府

Genshiryoku Iinkai Geppo 原子力委員会月報 - Science and Technology Agency 科学技術庁

Japan Economic Journal - The Sankei Shimbun

Japan Economic Review - The Japan Economic Review Ltd.

Japan Quarterly - The Asahi Shimbun

Japan Report - The Consulate General of Japan

Japan Socialist Review - Japan Socialist Party

Japan Stock Journal - The Japan Journal

Japan Times - The Japan Times, Ltd.

JC Life 三十億 - Japan Junior Chamber of Commerce 日本青年会議所 (商工)

Jinji-in Geppo 人事院月報 - National Personnel Authority 人事院

Jiyu 自由 - Jiyu-sha 自由社

Junpo Current 旬報カレント - Showa Club 昭和クラブ

Kazan 霞山 - Kazan-kai 霞山会

K.D.K. Information - K.D.K. Kojimachi Institute

Kangin News 勧銀ニュース - The Nippon Kangyo Bank 日本勧業銀行

KBS Bulletin on Japanese Culture - Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai 国際文化振興会

Keidanren Review - Japan Federation of Economic Organizations

Keizai Chosa 経済調査 - The Yamato Bank 大和銀行

Keizai Geppo 経済月報 - The Sumitomo Bank 住友銀行

Kiho Kokusai Josei 季報国際情勢 - Kokusai Josei Kenkyu-kai 国際情勢研究会

Kikan Toa 季刊東亜 - Kazan-kai 霞山会

Kinkan No Zasshi Kara 近刊の雑誌から - Cabinet Research Bureau 内閣調査室

Koan Joho 公安情報 - Shakai Undo Kenkyu-kai 社会運動研究会

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Kogin Chosa 輿銀調査 - The Industrial Bank of Japan 日本興業銀行

Koho Antena 広報アンテナ - The National Defense Agency 防衛庁

Kokumin Kyoiku Kenkyu 国民教育研究 - Kokumin Kyoiku Kenkyu-sho 国民教育研究所

Komeito Press Releases - Komei-to 公明党

Kosei Times - Rissho Kosei-kai 立正校成会

Kyosan-ken Mondai 共産圏問題 - O-A Kyokai 欧亜協会

Minzoku To Seiji 民族と政治 - Minzoku To Seiji-sha 民族と政治社

Mitsui Bank Monthly Review - The Mitsui Bank 三井銀行

Monthly Economic Review - The Bank of Japan 日本銀行

Monthly Report - The Dai-Ichi Bank 第一銀行

Monthly Review - The Mitsui Bank 三井銀行

Nikkei Business - Nikkei McGrawhill Co.

Nikkeiren News (JFEA News) - Japan Federation of Employers' Association 日本経営者団体連合

Nomura No Keiei Report 野村の経営レポート - Nomura Securities 野村証券

Nomura Shuho 野村週報 - Nomura Research Institute 野村総合研究所

NRI Quarterly Economic Review - Nomura Research Institute 野村総合研究所

Pacific Community - Jiji Press 時事通信

Rekishi To Jinbutsu 歴史と人物 - Chuo Koron-sha 中央公論社

Seisaku Geppo 政策月報 - Liberal Democratic Party 自由民主党

Sekai 世界 - Iwanami Shoten 岩波書店

Shimbun Digest 新聞ダイジェスト - Nihon Sogo Shuppan Co. 日本総合出版株式会社

Shimbun Geppo 新聞月報 - Shimbun Geppo-sha 新聞月報社

Shimin 市民 - Keiso Shobo 勁草書房

Shiso-kai 思想界 - Shiso-kai-sha 思想界社

Shokun 諸君 - Bungei Shunju-sha 文芸春秋社

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Shukan Roncho 週間論調 - Cabinet Research Bureau 内閣調査室

Soren Geppo ソ連月報 - Soren Mondai Kenkyu-kai ソ連問題研究会

Sumitomo Bank Review - The Sumitomo Bank 住友銀行

Summaries of Selected Japanese Magazines - The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo

Tairiku Mondai 大陸問題 - Tairiku Mondai Kenkyusho 大陸問題研究所

Techno-Chronology - Sangyo Keizai Kenkyu-kai 産業経済研究会

Tenbo 展望 - Chikuma Shobo 筑摩書房

Toho-gaku 東方学 - Toho Gakkai 東方学界

Tokei-kyoku Kenkyu Iho 統計局研究彙報 - Minister's Secretariat 総理府

Toki No Kadai 時の課題 - Jiji Mondai Kenkyu-sho 時事問題研究所

Toyo Keizai Weekly 東洋経済 - Toyo Keizai Shimpo-sha 東洋経済新報社

Trends of Japanese Magazines - The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo

U.S. Monitor - Japan Center for International Exchange

Ushio 潮 - Ushio Publishing Co. 潮出版株式会社

Weekly Review - The Bank of Tokyo